



June 11, 2019

Dean Haselhorst, Chairman
Ellis County Board of Commissioners
718 Main Street
Hays, KS 67601

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of Hays Feeder, LLC, I write to support Ellis County's efforts to seek funding from the federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program for the Northwest Business Corridor project. Fully half of the mileage involved in the Northwest Business Corridor is on Feedlot Road – so named because it is the location of our business.

By improving the section of Feedlot Road included in the Northwest Business Corridor, the BUILD grant will provide trucks going to and from Hays Feeder with a greatly improved surface along nearly half of their travel route. This will in turn allow Ellis County to devote maintenance resources that have previously been expended along the Northwest Business Corridor to improve other county roads – including the remaining 2-1/4 miles of Feedlot Road to our entrance.

Transportation is obviously a vitally important component of the cattle backgrounding and finishing business. We hope that the U.S. Department of Transportation will look favorably upon Ellis County's grant request.

Please accept our support for this important project and feel free to include this letter with your grant application. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer further questions about our support for the Northwest Business Corridor.

Sincerely,

Scott Temple
Manager